

10.8b General practitioner — unit costs

Unit cost 2013/2014	Including direct care staff costs		Excluding direct care staff costs	
	With qualification costs	Without qualification costs	With qualification costs	Without qualification costs
Annual (including travel)	£265,124	£220,278	£242,789	£197,943
Annual (excluding travel)	£263,724	£218,878	£241,389	£196,543
Per hour of GMS activity ¹	£146	£121	£134	£109
Per hour of patient contact ¹	£235	£195	£215	£175
Per minute of patient contact ¹	£3.90	£3.30	£3.60	£2.90
Per patient contact lasting 11.7 minutes ¹	£46	£38	£42	£35
Per patient contact lasting 17.2 minutes ¹	£67	£56	£62	£50
Per telephone consultation lasting 7.1 minutes ¹	£28	£23	£25	£21
Prescription costs per consultation (net ingredient cost)	£43.90 ²			
Prescription costs per consultation (actual cost)	£40.70 ²			

¹ Excludes travel.

² Personal communication with the Prescribing and Primary Care Group at the IC, 2012; and information on consultations: taken from Hippisley-Cox, J., Fenty, J. & Heaps, M. (2007) *Trends in Consultation Rates in General Practice 1995 to 2006: Analysis of the QResearch Database*, Final Report to the Information Centre and Department of Health, Information Centre, Leeds.